

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A bill acceptor comprising:
a validator assembly capable of identifying acceptable notes and discriminating between currency and non-currency notes;
a dual section cash box configured to receive and hold notes received by said bill acceptor, said dual section cash box having a first hopper for receiving currency and a second hopper for receiving non-currency notes; and
a transport assembly connected to and controlled by said validator assembly for transporting currency from said validator assembly to said first hopper of said cash box and non-currency notes from said validator assembly to said second hopper.
2. The bill acceptor of Claim 1, wherein the validator accepts non-currency notes including bills, vouchers, script, and tickets and provides a control signal to said transport assembly to activate a deflector to direct said non-currency notes to said second hopper.
3. The bill acceptor of Claim 1, wherein the validator assembly further comprises:
a note discriminator to sense parameters of received notes and determine authenticity of said received notes.
4. The bill acceptor of Claim 1, further comprising:
a note discriminator having an opening for receiving notes and a validator head including means for sensing data relating to the authenticity, denomination, and type of note inserted into said discriminator and for generating signals corresponding to the sensed data for each received note.
5. The bill acceptor of Claim 1, wherein said transport assembly further comprises:
a deflector for directing notes determined to be authentic non-currency notes to said second hopper of said cash box in response to a signal received from said validator assembly.
6. The bill acceptor of Claim 1, wherein said dual section cash box further comprises:
at least one placer and a stacker within said first hopper.
7. The bill acceptor of Claim 1, wherein said dual section cash box further comprises:
at least one placer and a stacker within said second hopper.

8. The bill acceptor of Claim 1, wherein said:
dual section cash box further comprises:
at least two separate sections configured to store notes in stacked orientations; and
a placer assembly within each of said at least two separate sections for receiving individual notes and subsequently placing said received notes on a stack of received notes.
9. A dual section cash box for a bill acceptor, said dual section cash box comprising:
at least two separate sections configured to store notes in stacked orientations; and
a placer assembly within each of said at least two separate sections for receiving individual notes and subsequently placing said received notes on a stack of received notes.
10. A bill acceptor comprising:
a validator assembly capable of identifying acceptable notes and discriminating between currency and non-currency notes, said validator assembly including a note discriminator to sense parameters of received notes and determine authenticity of said received notes;
a dual section cash box configured to receive and hold notes received by said bill acceptor, said dual section cash box having a first hopper for receiving currency and a second hopper for receiving non-currency notes;
a transport assembly connected to and controlled by said validator assembly for transporting currency from said validator assembly to said first hopper of said cash box and non-currency notes from said validator assembly to said second hopper; and
a deflector integrated into said transport assembly and connected to said validator assembly, said deflector directing notes determined to be authentic non-currency notes to said second hopper of said cash box in response to a signal received from said validator assembly.
11. A method of separating and stacking currency and non-currency notes received by a bill acceptor, comprising:
providing a validator assembly capable of identifying acceptable notes and discriminating between currency and non-currency notes; and
directing acceptable notes to a transport assembly connected to and controlled by said validator assembly for transporting notes from said validator assembly to a dual section cash box configured to receive and hold notes received by said bill acceptor, said dual section cash box having a first hopper for receiving currency directed to said first hopper by said transport assembly and a

second hopper for receiving non-currency notes directed to said second hopper by said transport assembly.

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